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Iron and Steel Activity Again Accelerates

Turn Is Seen By President

High Coffee Exports Gave Nation Breathing Space; Foreign Credit Needed

Brazil has obtained a breathing space in her bout with inflation, chiefly as a result of the surprisingly high coffee exports in the first quarter of the current year, according to President Juscelino Kubitschek, who believes that the Nation has survived the worst economic crisis in her history and is on the road to recovery.

Grants Interview

The President expressed this opinion in an interview printed in the New York Times of April 26 and filed in Rio de Janeiro by Tad Szulc, the newspaper's Brazilian correspondent, who has just returned to his post after a brief visit to the United States.

Although the President did not discuss the point directly, it is known that his administration believes, according to the same dispatch, that this recovery will be complete only if Brazil can quickly obtain about US$300,000,000 in foreign credits. The funds would be used to bridge the gap between the earning of exports and the cost of imports.

IMF Conference

Brazil has been reviewing with the International Monetary Fund the possibility of withdrawing US$37,500,000, the last segment of her quota in the Fund, but the important thing is that the Fund's approval is needed for direct loans from the United States. Brazilian officials say privately, according to the news item, that the Fund is being unjust to Brazil

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Shipbuilding in Pôrto Alegre

Much publicity has been given to the new shipbuilding industry which is rising in the States of Rio de Janeiro and São Paulo. The above photograph shows that the State of Rio Grande do Sul is developing boat building for its own lakes, rivers and canals. The Estaleiro Só S.A. drydock, here shown, is to construct vessels up to 2,000 tons under specifications already approved by GEICON, the Executive Group of the Naval Construction Industry. When completed the works will have a total area of 43,000 square meters, of which 10,000 will be enclosed. Capital outlay of Cr$284,000,000 has already been approved by the Authority. The first vessel is scheduled for sailing in 1961. (Visão photo)

Coffee Taking in U.S. Never Stronger; Consumption Figures May Set Record

10,000,000 Pounds Higher For First Quarter 1959; Instant Up 8.5 Per Cent

The coffee habit in America was never stronger, and consumption this year is well on the way to setting a new record. This forecast, made by the Pan-American Coffee Bureau is music to the ears of Brazilians, for over half of the country's foreign exchange is normally earned from its sales of coffee abroad.

445,600,000 lbs. Bought

In releasing the news the organization reports that during the first quarter of 1959, sales of roasted coffee—both regular and instant—were 10,000,000 pounds above those of the like period last year. Some 445,600,000 pounds of the bean were purchased, as against 435,200,000 pounds a year earlier. Sales of instant coffee jumped by 8.5 per cent. Regular coffee sales were up .8 per cent.

In line with the rising trend in the sales of soluble coffees, sold in the United States as "instant" coffee, the Brazilian Government has been paying particular attention to this development. As reported in an earlier issue of the *Brazilian Bulletin*, the Finance Minister was considering the creation within the Brazilian Coffee Institute of a special commission to study the possibilities of installing a large-scale instant coffee industry in Brazil.

Icominas Aids Ore Mining

A Steel Forging Operation, Joint Brazil-U. S. Private Venture, Also Is Begun

The news that Brazil will get a US$4,500,000 steel-forging operation, a joint investment of the American Brake Shoe Company of New York, the Steel Improvement and Forge Company of Cleveland, Ohio, and the Companhia Mechanica e Importadora of São Paulo, adds emphasis to the fact that iron and steel from mining stage to latest activities by Volta Redonda have been making headlines in Brazil recently. The *Brazilian Bulletin* presents a roundup of the chief individual items noticed.

Sifco do Brasil

The new steel forging firm just mentioned, named Sifco do Brasil, is expected to produce US$10,000,000 annually to serve the growing automotive and construction equipment industries of Brazil. Production is slated to begin in August of this year.

Initially, the now existing plants of the Companhia Mechanica will be utilized, with an addition of 50,000 square feet of construction to allow for the several stages of the new operation. Annual capacity is set at 20,000 tons of carbon and alloy steel forgings. Employment will be given to 500 workers at this Jundiaí installation.

Itabirito Peak

In a mineral extraction development, it is announced that Icominas plans to export US$20,000,000 to US$25,000,000 worth of iron ore as it develops its Ita-

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Inter-American Economic Relations Meeting Opens

The 21 American Republics Gather

The Conference Takes Place Just Eleven Months After Operation Pan American

Representatives of the twenty-one American republics are now meeting in Buenos Aires to consider the progress which has been made in inter-American economic relations during the last year. The sessions opened on April 28.

To Assess Results

The purpose of the gathering is to assess the work of a fifteen country group that formulated in Washington between January 15 and March 30 twenty-four proposals for economic cooperation to promote economic development in the Americas.

The meeting will mark one month short of a year since President Kubitschek launched his now-famous "Operation Pan American." It was on May 28, 1958, that the Brazilian Chief of State addressed his letter to President Eisenhower proposing "a thorough review of the policy of mutual understanding on this hemisphere."

Dual Objectives

Dr. Kubitschek's proposal aimed, on the one hand, at obtaining financial and technical cooperation on an adequate scale from the United States and, on the other, at getting a formulation of development plans by the Latin American nations so that they could be stated in terms of investment projects.

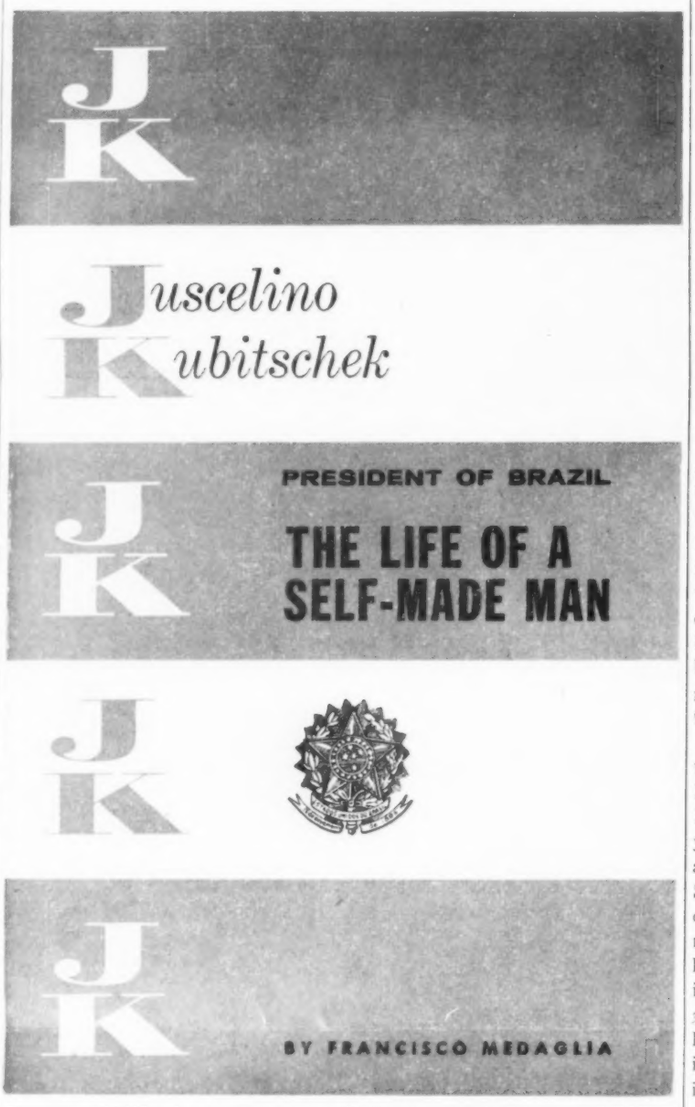
The committee of twenty-one, an outgrowth of a special meeting of the hemisphere's foreign ministers in Washington last September, will forward to the twenty-one governments concerned the resolutions it approves here.

Already in the hands of all the governments, according to the New York Times, which has a reporter covering the story, are the statutes for a new US$1,000,000,000 Inter-American Bank, drawn up in April by a special working group in Washington.

The same source says that the United States and the Latin-American countries have formally agreed that "the problem of increasing productivity at a pace adequate to meet the needs" of a Latin-American population expected to reach 600,000,000 by the end of the century is perhaps the most important challenge of our times."

Most of the resolutions before the committee translate basic pledges of cooperation into procedural terms and in some cases formal obligations. The opening session was held in the Argentine Chamber of Deputies.

Life of JK in English



Sra. Kubitschek Honored At Annual Heart Ball

Sra. Juscelino Kubitschek was the guest of honor at the fourth annual Heart of America Ball held on April 29. She also attended a reception given for her before the ball.

The honorary chairman of the ball was Mrs. Dwight D. Eisenhower. Mrs. Richard M. Nixon, Mrs. John Foster Dulles, Mrs. Nelson Rockefeller and Mrs. Robert F. Wagner were honorary vice chairmen.

The ballrooom of the Plaza provided the setting.

Dr. Kubitschek Is Subject of Book

Francisco Medaglia Writes Biography of President; Available in English

President Kubitschek is the subject of a biographical study in English by Francisco Medaglia, the Director of the Brazilian Government Trade Bureau in New York. The work is believed to be the only study of any length of the Brazilian Chief Executive in a language other than Portuguese.

A Rounded Portrait

The one-hundred-and-twenty-eight page monograph, which bears the title *Juscelino Kubitschek, President of Brazil, the Life of a Self-Made Man*, gives not only a portrait of the man who was elected to the highest office that the people of Brazil have it in their power to bestow but also considers the plans and goals of the Kubitschek administration.

Of particular interest, even for those North Americans who know Brazil, is the sketching in of the Minas Gerais background of the young Juscelino who went from a theological seminary to the School of Medicine to earn his doctor's degree. His difficult years, made more so by the fact that he grew up in a fatherless home, including his work as a telegrapher to meet his tuition and living obligations, are described in the frame of reference of the interior of the country.

Goals Program Discussed

Another feature of the study is the setting down of the President's Goals Program, with the accomplishments of his Administration to the end of last year. The work is also illustrated with photographs of the President and his family.

Copies of the book are obtainable, as long as the supply lasts, by interested individuals and libraries on application to Mr. Medaglia at the offices of the Brazilian Government Trade Bureau in New York. Review copies will gladly be sent to newspapers and other periodicals upon application.

New Firm to Manufacture Needle Bearings in Brazil

To Locate Plant in Osasco, S.P.

Rolamento Schaeffler Raises Capital of Cr$60,000,000: To Supply Auto Industry

One of the most vital parts in the machine and equipment industry is, no doubt, the bearing, that important item so necessary to guide engine friction toward useful results. Now word from Brazil is that for the first time needle bearings will be manufactured in the country.

Parent Organization

The German firm Industriewerk Schaeffler, which has its seat at Herzegenaurach, a suburb of Nuremburg, whose needle bearings with the mark INA are well known, has decided to build a plant in Brazil to manufacture bearings of the same quality as are made in its home plant.

The factory will be located in the city of São Paulo. A plot of ground measuring 5,500 square meters has already been obtained for the purpose on the Estrada de Itú, in the Osasco section. The new building will occupy an area of 2,500 square meters.

The initial capital of Rolamentos Schaeffler do Brasil will be Cr$60,000,000. The chief stockholders will be the firm itself and, as individuals, the firm directors Dr. Wilhem Schaeffler and Georg Schaeffler. The Executive Group for the Automotive Industry, GEIA, has already given the firm the go-ahead signal.

Equipment Coming

Rolamentos Schaeffler do Brasil S.A. will bring into the country machinery and equipment valued at US$246,930 without exchange coverage, presumably under the terms of SUMOC regulation No. 113 and succeeding regulations. It is understood that delivery will be within the near term.

The bearings it will make for the automobile industry include those used in motors, clutches, transmissions, front axles and steering systems. Non-automotive uses include machine tools, textile machinery, compressors and pumps, office and home machines and agricultural equipment.

First Lady at Bureau

Sra. Kubitschek paid a visit to the Brazilian Government Trade Bureau in New York on April 15 and was shown around by the Director, Mr. Francisco Medaglia. She expressed pleasure at the sight of the many permanent displays of Brazilian products and was impressed by the amount and kinds of information available at the Bureau for persons seriously interested in Brazil. The members of the staff were introduced individually to the First Lady. Dona Sara will visit the Trade Bureau again today to unveil the plaque which will identify the new Sara Kubitschek Auditorium within the Trade Bureau and mark the occasion of her visit to the United States.

NYU's Brazilian Institute Awards Proficiency Prizes

New York University's Brazilian Institute has just awarded prizes to three of its most proficient students of Portuguese, Dr. Carleton Sprague Smith, director of the School announced. The funds for the prizes were provided by the Brazilian Consul General in New York, Minister Dora Vasconcellos.

The first prize was won by Miss Loretta Porto, a first year student of Brazilian Portuguese. The second prize was divided between Miss Ellen Bischoff and Mrs. Clara Linn. All of them are students of Dona Maria Isabelle Abreu.

Brazilian Drama a Hit In New York Showing

And the Wind Blows, a drama of the Brazilian Northeast, written by Edgard da Rocha Miranda, opened this week at the St. Mark's Playhouse, an off-Broadway New York theatre. This drama of life in an obscure Brazilian village received very favorable reviews from the New York critics. The actors also were praised.

Professor Alceu Amoroso Lima, of the Brazilian Academy of Letters and Visiting Professor of Portuguese Literature at New York University, conferred the prizes on the winners.

Bureau Exhibits RS Photographs

Pictures by Sioma Breitman, International Exhibitor, Show R. G. do Sul

"Rio Grande do Sul as Seen in Photographs" is the subject of a current exhibit in the offices of the Brazilian Government Trade Bureau in New York. The work of the distinguished Gaúcho photographer, Sioma Breitman, the collection has been selected to be the first public showing of Braziliana in the new Sara Kubitschek Auditorium of the Trade Bureau.

Is A.F.I.A.P.

Sr. Breitman is a photographer of international reputation. His pictures have been displayed in over three hundred exhibition halls in over thirty countries. He bears the coveted title of Artiste de la Federation Internationale D'Art Photographique and affixes the letters A.F.I.A.P. after his name. Portugal, Spain, France, Germany, Italy and Israel have had showings of his highly individualized photography.

Some of his works which have attracted special attention are "Grape Harvest," a young grape gatherer matching her own against nature's beauty and "Bend in the River Das Antas," characteristic of the vernal splendor of Brazil's natural scenery.

Interested in People

Sr. Breitman is also a specialist in catching people at work and play. He has been particularly successful with rural types of his home State of Rio Grande do Sul, his portraits of the vigorous *gaúchos* being especially admired. Since the photographer is a believer in relating the scene to the whole picture, Sr. Breitman displays in groups.

His work is now on public view. The public is cordially invited to attend during the business hours of the Brazilian Government Trade Bureau in New York. No special invitation is needed.

On St. John's Eve Young Girls "See" Future Husbands

With the Aid of Divination Rites

Popular Mid-June Holiday, Falling on June 23-24, 2nd Only to Carnival

Of all the popular holidays celebrated in Brazil, the most popular is, of course, Carnival. Following this gay festival comes the Eve of St. John, observed on June 23-24 and believed by those who wish to believe that their fortunes, at least for the next year, will be foretold to them in the proper circumstances.

"Will I Marry?"

On St. John's Eve the young girls who wish to know will ask if marriage is in the cards for them within the twelvemonth. As the wag who is always sceptical of the veracity of such answers said, "Of course, this is meant only for marriageable young ladies." But it at one time was not too easy to learn, for, in order to receive the answer, it was necessary to build a bonfire in front of one's house.

Incidentally, this little detail tells us just how long St. John's Eve has been regarded in Brazil as a night of fortune telling. We learn that in 1641 the first ruling was made against the use of these bonfires for allegedly frivolous purposes. The efficacy of the prophecy must have been regarded quite highly because in 1869 a Regal order placed a penalty of deportation in cases of illegal fire setting.

Ardor Sufficient

Today, only the Fire Department is unromantic enough to frown upon the practice, and the old bonfire has become just a symbolic one. It is said that fire in the heart, symbolic ardor, no doubt, is sufficient to permit the conventional incantations to be made.

All you need do now is, putting yourself in the proper spirit, say: "St. John said . . . St. John confirmed . . ." Only one thing is lacking and that is that you must nibble certain foods while you recite this incantation. A reasonable number of the dishes which have become traditional are printed later in this article.

Going Fishing for a Husband

There is water at the base of the bowl these senhoritas are looking into with such rapt attention. Bits of paper, each bearing the name of a suitor, have been folded and cast adrift. As the waterlogged papers reveal the names, the girls learn who their husbands will be. This simple process is complicated by vanity, for each girl vies with the others in casting the largest number of names into the pool. St. John sometimes has quite a selection to make for the names offered will compete with the telephone directory. One wag once had the bowl thrown at him when he asked how they could distinguish among the numerous young men known as João.

The Divination Ceremony

Here is the way the young ladies of Brazil usually carry out the ritual of St. John's Eve. If there is a bonfire, good; if not, it is easy to obtain an incandescent lamp of the desired intensity. Yellow is a good color and matches the natural flame without presenting any of its dangers. The advantage of the bonfire was that it had to be tended by one or more young men who would help along in urging on the decisions.

Light a candle at the fire. If there is no fire, use a safety match. These are now very common in Brazil. Place a glass of water before you and lean the brightly burning candle over the glass and allow a few drops of melted wax to fall into the glass. Carefully observe the outline which the wax forms in the water. The face of the future mate or at least the initial of his name or any letter of his name or even a suggestion of his face or name will be seen. If the indication is not clear, instead of throwing more light on the glass of water, dim the electric bulb and sharpen the imagination.

Some Brazilian young ladies prefer to use, instead of a candle, the white of an egg. This is more resilient and forms many more images in the water, thus making the divination much easier to guess. In some parts of Brazil, melted lead is used, but this may require the services of a willing young man, who may even have practiced how to drop his own image into the water. This is not looked upon as an unsportsmanlike gesture in a circle where marriage is an obvious goal.

Serviceable Wedding Ring

Another method for learning the identity of one's future husband is as follows: Ask mamma to pour you a glassful of mineral water. Soda pop will do for areas of the world which are not as rich as Brazil in natural mineral waters. Tie a ring — mamma's wedding ring is supposed to bring extra good luck—to a length of string so as to have a pendulum. Balance the ring over the glass of water. Hold tight because the number of vibrations will tell you how many years you will have to wait before you are led to the altar. It is well to experiment with holding the string in balance long before St. John's Eve because the pendulum will insist on moving more times than an anxious young lady desires.

A less exact method for determining the length of time before the wedding is to go to the market and buy a dozen lemons, six still green and the rest fully ripe. Put them into a bag and blindfold yourself for good measure. Select one, hoping it is hard and green, for the riper the lemon, the more mature you will be before you have to select your own bridesmaids.

"His" Reflection

Would you like to know what your husband will look like? Put a candle at your glass. Behind you allow the yellow incandescent lamp to burn dimly, even shielding it if necessary. Scan the glass and the image of your future husband will appear. When this rite was performed outdoors with a genuine bonfire tended by a preferred young man, the results

were more satisfactory. If this procedure is carried on indoors, especially in one's own boudoir, faith in St. John is a great necessity.

Use for Needles

If you have any doubts about whether or not you will marry, there is a sure way of finding out, according to the practices of St. John's Eve. Partially fill a saucer with water, either tap or mineral, and carefully float two needles on the surface. It seems hardly necessary to add that the needles must be very light if the test is to work. How can you tell if you will marry? If the needles float together and join, then you surely will be asked to wed. Now it is up to you to find the groom and speed the day.

Banana Tree, Too

Perhaps there is a banana tree growing in your backyard. In that case, you may be able to learn the initial under which you will be listed in the directory of married women. Here's how to go about this divination. Buy a spanking new penknife, one from which the manufacturer's protective oil film has not been removed. At midnight on St. John's Eve dig the open blade into the heart of a banana tree stalk and leave it there overnight, devoting the hours until dawn to dreaming about the identity of the young man whose initial will be visible on the blade when the sun rises.

Paper pellets also are helpful, especially when the names of your suitors are clearly written before folding the individual papers and placing them in a glass of water. The first one to open will give you the name by which you are to address your future husband. If the list of suitors is not long enough to offer a valid choice, the number of names may be increased by wishful thinking.

And Black Beans

Here is one for skillful hands. Take three dried beans. Brazilian girls say this method works on St. John's Eve when the traditional blackbean is used. From one bean remove the integument completely, partially from another and leave the third intact. Put them under your pillow. On St. John's Day put your hand under the pillow and draw out one bean. A skinless bean indicates your husband will be a poor man; a half-skinned one means one in moderate circumstances and the completely covered bean betokens a millionaire.

A rooster also enters the St. John's Eve festivities. He must be alive and just bought in the marketplace and should preferably be hungry. Gather all your girl friends in a circle and give each of them a few grains of corn to be placed at their feet. The one whose shoes are pecked first will surely be first to marry.

Food Plays a Role

As has already been said, not a small part of the pleasure arising from the festivities of St. John's Eve comes from the food which is served and eaten. Young girls are told to take home a little bit of each of the dishes served at the St. John's Eve party. Upon retiring, set up a small table near the bed on which one places a table cloth, two

This Egg Not Wasted

The three young ladies pictured here expect to see the images of their future husbands appear in the glass of water as the white of the egg makes contact with the liquid. The magic of St. John's Eve is personal and, notwithstanding the fact that the three girls are looking at the same phenomenon, each of them will see a different image and each one will soon be asked in marriage. It cannot be denied that a pretty face is St. John's best helper.

How Long Until He Asks?

This pretty senhorita, dressed country style, is asking St. John to tell her how many years must elapse before the wedding ring poised over the glass of water will be put on her own finger. The trick is to raise the ring on the attached string without letting it dangle inasmuch as every swing means another year of maidenhood. Girls are known to practice this rite well in advance of St. John's Eve so that they can raise it without even a single vibration. Such a steady hand deserves to win an attractive beau. (O Cruzeiro)

plates with the tidbits taken home, table settings and a lighted candle. The young man dreamed of as the table companion will surely ask the maid to be his wife.

These, then, are the rites of St. John's Eve as they are practiced today in Brazil. They are chiefly engaged in by young girls and are carried out in a spirit of playful gaiety. There is much dressing up, some times in subdued Carnival-colored costumes, but the fun is never as boisterous as it is in the pre-Lenten street festival.

The young men go along with the jollity because it brings them into contact with the girls. If they are no longer as necessary for the occasion as they were when they tended fire, they are liked for their own sake. Even their elders join in the fun.

Historical Development

Historically, St. John's Eve as a religious festival in Brazil harks back to the beautiful beaches of northern Brazil, where, on the vast stretches of sand, traditional homage was paid to St. John on his birthday. The fires were part of the devotion rendered to the Baptist on his natal day.

In time, the people, through a kind of religious indolence, allowed the spirit of the holiday to be altered by influences from the State of Bahia and the symbolic purity of the fire was lost in the attention to the fire itself as a means of bringing pleasure to the onlookers. The transmogrification of the religious rite to secular rites amounting actually to an only half-believed-in game was not long in coming and soon spread throughout all Brazil. It is this latter St. John's Eve which has survived today and which makes young people anticipate the holiday so pleasantly. The fun is wholesome and good and centers around one of the oldest cultural institutions, marriage.

Young Folks' Joy

For the young people, St. John means, in addition, balloons, banners, bonfires, peanut brittle, popcorn and ears of sweet corn. It also means June cake, cake in the form of a balloon, over which is poured a rainbow icing. Here are some recipes traditional for serving on St. John's Eve.

In the Looking Glass I See...

This young lady is practising a form of divination as old as the first mirror. With the dancing candle causing the shadows in the room to rise and fall in dozens of shapes, she hopes to find in one of them, with the aid of St. John, the silhouette of her future husband. When the traditional bonfire was actually lighted on St. John's Eve, seeing one's future husband in the glass was an exciting part of the holiday rites. This pretty miss may have to be satisfied with gazing upon her own features, perhaps only this year. Next year she will certainly be asked to wed.

Picnic Cake

3 eggs
2 cups of wheat flour
2 cups of sugar
1 cup of butter
1 cup of milk
1 cup of cornstarch
1 tablespoon of baking powder

Beat the butter with the egg yolks until they are pale yellow. Add the sugar and continue beating. Mix, alternately, the milk and the flour sifted with the baking powder and the cornstarch. Finally, add the stiffly beaten egg whites, mixing lightly. Bake in a greased pan, using a moderate oven.

Gelatin Glacé

1½ tablespoons of plain gelatin
3 cups of water
3 cups of sugar
1 teaspoon of vanilla

Soak the gelatin in ½ cup of water until soft. Bring the sugar and water to a boil and boil until it spins a thread. Remove from the fire and add the soaked gelatin and the vanilla. Beat vigorously until it reaches the desired consistency.

Barbecued Liver

1 pound of liver
½ pound of bacon
2 tart apples

Season the liver with salt, pepper, onion, lemon, etc. Cut the liver and the bacon into small pieces; quarter the apples. Place the small pieces of bacon, liver and apple on toothpicks. Fry in hot fat or hot butter. Serve very hot.

Cheese Rolls

3 cups of wheat flour
3 tablespoons of butter
3 tablespoons of baking powder
3 eggs
1 tablespoon of salt water
1 cup of grated cheese
cubes of fresh cheddar cheese (in the Brazilian original, Minas cheese)
milk

Mix all the ingredients and add milk slowly until the dough can be rolled. Form the rolls, stuffing each with pieces of cheese. Brush with the yolk of an egg, place on a greased flat pan and sprinkle with flour. Bake.

Peanut Brittle with Honey

4 cups of peanuts
3 cups of sugar
2 tablespoons of water
2 tablespoons of honey
1 tablespoon of bicarbonate

Heat the peanuts by toasting lightly. Add the honey, sugar and water. Mix while cooking until the mixture begins to bubble. Add the bicarbonate and pour on a marble slab. Cut in pieces of the size desired.

Peanut Brittle with Corn Syrup

1 glass of white corn syrup
2 glasses of sugar
½ glass of raw peanuts
2 tablespoons of dissolved bicarbonate of soda

Place the sugar, peanuts and corn syrup in a pan. Mix well and cook on a rapid fire, mixing until it bubbles. Continue stirring to make sure the peanuts are well toasted. Add the bicarbonate all at once and pour on a marble slab. Cut it before it cools: otherwise it will be too hard and will crack.

These recipes are of a traditional nature and are of foods very commonly served during the holiday. Others in the same vein can be very easily improvised. This year, for the first time, the recently inaugurated Brazilian Center will hold a St. John Eve's ball. Details will be released later in the season.

Steel Activities Again Accelerate

New Ore Extraction Group Makes Large Investment; Volta Redonda Reports

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birito Peak deposits, located near Belo Horizonte, State of Minas Gerais. In an agreement with the Central do Brasil Railway the firm will supply over US$10,000,000 in rolling stock to facilitate the movement of its ores. It is also believed that a US$8,000,000 investment will be made to improve its mining facilities.

According to *Noticias*, the weekly digest of hemisphere reports which gives the information, Icominas is associated with the Bethlehem Steel Company and is probably linked with Icomi, which is developing Brazilian manganese in the Territory of Amapá.

Vale do Rio Doce

Elsewhere, the sales force of the Companhia Vale do Rio Doce has been busy in the United States and elsewhere trying to step up the sales of Minas Gerais ores. The Belo Horizonte steel maker Mannesmann has announced that it has built the first air transport conveyor for its iron ore.

When the Hanna Corporation, which has acquired control of the Morro Velho mines and the resources of the Paraopeba Valley are developed as originally planned, it is expected that either Rio de Janeiro or Angra dos Reis, State of Rio de Janeiro, will become the Nation's largest ore port.

Profit Statement

The publication of the annual statement of Volta Redonda, the Brazilian National Steel Company, is eagerly awaited not only by the firm's stockholders but also by those who are following the exciting progress of the growth of the Brazilian economy, paced as it is by the steel industry. In 1958, Volta Redonda had a net profit of Cr$1,524,831 on sales of Cr$10,058,389,687, or 15.2 per cent.

The same company has also indicated it is favoring the proposal of French banking interests to finance the purchase of US$125,000,000 of steel plate from France. The banking group is willing to take a down payment of twenty per cent, then forty per cent on delivery and the remaining forty per cent in three years. In addition, part of the sum due can be paid for in Brazilian export goods.

BRAZILIAN IMPORTS FROM THE UNITED STATES—MARCH, 1959

Source: Consular invoices legalized during February in the various Brazilian consulates in the United States.

City	Value of Merchandise (US$)	Freight and Other Expenses (US$)	Total (US$)
Baltimore	1,602,237	166,980	1,769,217
Boston	88,742	4,495	93,237
Charleston	19,211	6,262	25,473
Chester	2,024,325	121,012	2,145,337
Chicago	91,767	64,631	156,398
Houston	1,328,601	288,393	1,616,994
Los Angeles	386,748	25,313	412,061
Miami	3,086,285	189,412	3,275,697
New Orleans	3,406,082	394,472	3,800,554
New York	30,452,868	2,110,628	32,563,496
Norfolk	445,612	174,090	619,702
Philadelphia	511,051	100,752	611,803
San Francisco	114,125	24,179	138,304
Seattle	41,626	4,959	46,585
	43,599,280	3,675,578	47,274,858

Note (1): Concerning freight and other expenses in connection with the Consulate of Chester: US$25,372 will be paid in dollars in the United States and US$95,640 in cruzeiros in Brazil

Note (2): Data are subject to final audit by the Economic and Financial Statistical Service of the Ministry of Finance.

TANK CAR PLANT

Usina Metallúrgica Joinville S.A., with twenty years of experience in manufacturing railroad cars, is expanding its operations to the production of tank cars.

GROWING CONSTRUCTION IN FIELD OF IRRIGATION

Little publicity has been given to the increase in irrigation projects in all Latin America. According to the American Chamber of Commerce for Brazil in 1959 Latin America will spend US$17,000,000,000 for all types of construction projects, up 11.8 per cent over 1958 levels and representing the tenth straight year of continuous growth. The greatest increase will take place in the field of irrigation, in which Brazil is one of the four leading Latin American countries.

THE BANK OF BRAZIL STATES PROFITS IN 1958

In 1958 the Bank of Brazil made a net profit of Cr$343,407,314.

FIRST NATIONAL CRANES BY HYSTER DO BRASIL

The first construction cranes to be manufactured in Brazil will soon come down the assembly lines of the just finished Hyster do Brasil S. A. plant, which will operate the only national factory producing cranes with pneumatic tires. Eighty per cent of the component parts will be of national manufacture.

HEAT-TREATED TILES

Floors in homes and offices made of heat-treated plastic tiles are becoming quite popular in Brazil.

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and failing to appreciate efforts already made to control inflation and do away with the restrictive system of multiple exchange rates and costly import subsidies. They also say that the Fund is apparently unaware of great political difficulties standing in the way of dealing with these problems.

In a separate interview quoted in the same dispatch, Finance Minister Lucas Lopes said that permanent factors of inflation now are under control. He said that budget cuts would reduce the anticipated 1959 deficit to the equivalent of about US$90,000,000, or less than half of the figure for 1958.

Book Executive Coming to U.S.

President of the Brazilian Book Industry Commerce Chamber Asks Contacts

The president of the Brazilian Chamber of Commerce for the Book Industry is due to arrive in New York during the latter half of this month. He is Sr. Diaulas Riedel, traveling to the United States in connection with the book business of Brazil.

Hopes to Meet Distributors

Sr. Riedel is seeking to make contact with book publishers in the United States with a view to expanding the business in books between the two countries. He would also welcome comunications from large book dealers and distributors who may be in a position to market books in Portuguese for the growing number of readers of the Portuguese language in the United States.

Contact with Sr. Riedel may be established through the Brazilian Government Trade Bureau in New York, which will be informed as to the precise date of his arrival in the United States. Letters addressed to him at Avenida Ipiranga No. 1267, 10° andar, São Paulo, if sent at once, will still reach him before his departure from Brazil.

The recognition of the book business as a prime contributor to the cultural life of the State of São Paulo has led the state government to accept the Brazilian Chamber of Commerce for the Book Industry as a spokesman for the publishers, writers and booksellers. It thus has been accorded a kind of quasi-official status.

Industry Growing

The Brazilian book industry has been growing rapidly as the literacy index rises. Book publishers have also been multiplying and the number of works published and the publishers' catalogs have also swelled. The tendency of late has been toward making the physical appearance of the book more attractive by using gaily colored covers.

OPPORTUNITIES IN BRAZILIAN TRADE

The Brazilian Government Trade Bureau has received the following inquiries from businessmen in Brazil, who desire to export or import the products listed below. These inquiries are published as received and no representation is made as to standings of listed firms. We suggest that the parties interested write directly to these firms, via airmail, as well as to this office, at 551 Fifth Avenue, New York 17, N. Y.

BUYERS WANTED

SISAL ROPE AND CABLES — Luiz Luiza S. A., Caixa Postal 12, Rio Grande, RGS, Brazil. Cable Address: "ZIUL."

SEMIPRECIOUS STONES (rough and cut)—Adolf A. Milch, Av. Rio Branco 151, s/1109, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS—Brazilian made flour, including scales, executive chairs, clocks, luggage, bicycles, television sets, radios, phonographs, air conditioners, coffee makers, electric fans, silverware, kitchen utensils, ranges, sewing machines, floor polishers, toasters, vacuum cleaners, refrigerators, etc. Wadel S. A., Rua Barão de Itapetininga 275, And. 6, São Paulo, Brazil.

NOVELTIES AND GIFT ITEMS—Including souvenirs, Indian and regional handicrafts, folk dolls, wooden, soapstone and mother-of-pearl accessories. Interlatina Importadora Exportadora Ltda., Caixa Postal 4377, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

FRUIT MARMALADES—Guava, banana, quince, peach, pineapple and other Brazilian fruits. Bernardino Ferreira de Mattos, Av. N. S. Copacabana 581—grupo 618, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

SHRIMP—Medium and large sizes, fully cooked and deveined, in 120-gram vacuum-packed cans. Irmãos Carvalho Representações S. A., Caixa Postal 3281, São Paulo, Brazil. Cable Address: "Betha."

VARIOUS PRODUCTS, including carnaúba and curioury wax, oleaginous seeds, beans and vegetable oils of all kinds, sisal, jute, rice, pine and hardwoods, manioc products, all kinds of skins and furs, pressed woods, automotive parts. "Formatin," Fornecedora Materiais Industriais Ltda., Praça Antonio Prado 33, s/2001, São Paulo, Brazil. Cable Address: "Formatin."

ANNATTO SEEDS — North Brazil quality in new jute bags; net weight, 50 kilos. In lots of 5000 to 10,000 kilos, $355.00 per 1000 kilos; lots of more than 10,000 kilos, $350.00 per 1000 kilos. Prices c.i.f., New York. Payment: irrevocable letter of credit. Deswaan S. A., Caixa Postal 4724, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Cable Address: "Swanex."

"TRADE OPPORTUNITIES"
for American firms

The Brazilian Government Trade Bureau also accepts advertisements from U.S. firms wishing to reach interested parties in Brazil in its weekly "BOLETIM AMERICANO", in Portuguese, widely distributed in Brazil. U.S. firms wishing to import Brazilian products and desiring to use these facilities are invited to write to: Brazilian Government Trade Bureau, 551 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York.

HEARTS OF PALM—Enrique J. Marin, Largo São Francisco 34, And. 9, Conj. 95, São Paulo, Brazil.

GYPSUM ORE — Alves, Costa & Comp., Rua das Ninfas 278, Recife, Brazil. Cable Address: "Uranita." (Analysis available at Brazilian Government Trade Bureau.)

SESAME SEEDS, PEANUTS, BEANS, PEPPER, BEESWAX, VEGETABLE OILS —Antonio Brasileiro Martins, Rua São Bento 405, Conj. 1732, São Paulo, Brazil. Cable Address: "Paulassis."

SELLERS WANTED

WHOLE AND SPLIT PEAS, CAUSTIC SODA FLAKES—Imp. Royal Ltda., Caixa Postal 6977, São Paulo, Brazil. Cable Address: "Oceania."

REAL ESTATE IN BRAZIL

RANCH IN MINAS GERAIS — A 150,000-acre ranch along the São Francisco River is offered. Half is covered with marketable timber, half is cleared land suitable for mechanized cultivation. Fenced off into 20 sections, it is capable of sustaining 25,000 heads of cattle. Installations include abundant electricity, cotton gin, sawmill, houses, barns, and a private airfield. Contains deposits of galena ore. Elevation is 1800 feet. Crossed by highways; near railroads. Price $1 million, half down, half on terms. D. Ribeiro, Rua Souza Lima 245—apt/901, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

PARÁ AND GOIÁS—This party and associates living in area offer more than one million acres of timber and grazing land along Amazon and its tributaries. Located mainly in Pará and Goiás, land may be purchased in large or small tracts at $1.00 or less per acre. L. B. Tucker, Suite 1650, 120 Broadway, New York 5, N. Y.

LAND IN MATTO GROSSO—Full price: $150.00 for 25 acres of virgin timber land. Time payment if desired —$54.00 down, $8.00 per month. Pan-American Land & Development of Brazil, P. O. Box 9487, Treasure Island, St. Petersburg, Florida.

REPRESENTATIVES

Offers services as representative in Brazil for machinery and material for the plastics and steel industries, electric and pneumatic tools, mining and aviation equipment. Soceres Engenharia Comercio e Industria S.A., Rua Santa Luzia 685, Grupo 1103, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Will represent exporters and manufacturers of oil refining equipment and spare parts for autos, trucks, tractors, farm and industrial machinery. Organização Corôa, Caixa Postal 264, Salvador, Bahia, Brazil. Cable Address: "Coroa."

American, residing in Brazil, will represent importers and buyers for all kinds of Brazilian products. S. J. Marcus, Caixa Postal 1395, Correio Geral, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Cable Address: "Brasmarc."

Will represent manufacturers and exporters of commodities, heavy chemicals, iron and steel products and heavy machinery and equipment. Forward Comercial Importadora Ltda., Caixa Postal 2470, Recife, Brazil. Cable Address: "Forward."

American citizen, seeking permanent residence in Brazil, wishes to represent well-established United States firm there. Age, 32; sales and tax background: Brazilian wife. J. H. Murray, 11040 SW 44th Street, Miami 55, Florida.

MISCELLANEOUS

LICENSEE ARRANGEMENT — Brazilian firm wishes to contact foreign industry on the manufacture of flexible metal tubing and related products. Eng. George, Rua 7 de Abril 342, and. 1/19, São Paulo, Brazil.

INVESTMENT—Large Brazilian manufacturer of dental equipment and supplies wishes to expand existing facilities. Common and preferred stock offered. Details may be obtained from the Brazilian Government Trade Bureau or from the principal: Dentaria Brasileira S.A., Rua Tito 54, Lapa, São Paulo, Brazil. Cable Address: "Dentapearl."

BUSINESS SERVICES — Consulting engineers, market, investment, industrial and product development surveys. Empreendimentos Unidos Ltda., Rua 7 de Abril 342, s/19, São Paulo, Brazil.

LICENSING AND FINANCING — Technical and legal services on foreign investments and imports. Escritorio Tecnico de Economia B. S. C., Av. Erasmo Braga 227, Grupo 1308, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Cable Address: "Consorcio."

BRAZILIAN FOOD PRODUCTS — American firm offers Brazilian food specialties, including matte, hearts of palm, guava and other tropical fruit preparations, nuts, manioc flour, dendê oil, etc. Wholesale or retail. Mail orders accepted. John R. Silva & Co., 319 Columbia Street, Brooklyn 31, N. Y.

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